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Chapter 3.4. Center for Value Added Research

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Establishment; duties

Sec. 1. The commissioner of agriculture shall establish a center for value added research to perform the following duties:

- (1) Developing a strategic assessment of the Indiana agricultural industries and establishing targeted priorities for industry expansion.
- (2) Developing recommendations for legislative and administrative programs that will enhance economic development in the targeted agricultural industries.
- (3) Identify and prioritize research development and educational needs for expanding value added opportunities in Indiana.
- (4) Establishing cooperative industry research and development initiatives that lead to new agricultural industry opportunities in Indiana.
- (5) Serving as a resource for industry in the planning, promotion, and development of value added agricultural products and agricultural industry opportunities in Indiana, including product feasibility, market feasibility, economic feasibility, product development, product testing, and test marketing.
- (6) Serving as a resource for industry and state government in attracting value added agricultural industry to Indiana.
- (7) Developing private sector research funding and technology transfer programs commensurate with the state's targeted agricultural industry economic development objectives.
- (8) Providing a forum for continuing dialogue between industry, government, and researchers in addressing the needs and opportunities for expanding the value added agricultural industry.

As added by P.L.23-1987, SEC.1.

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Cooperation with public and private entities

Sec. 2. In carrying out its duties under this chapter, the center for value added research shall cooperate with and may utilize the resources of:

- (1) Purdue University and other colleges and universities located in Indiana;
- (2) any other state or federal department or agency;
- (3) political subdivisions located in Indiana; and
- (4) interest groups representing agriculture, business, and industry in Indiana.

As added by P.L.23-1987, SEC.1.

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Powers of commissioner of agriculture

Sec. 3. To carry out the duties described in section 1 of this chapter, the commissioner of agriculture, acting for and on behalf of the center for value added research, may:

- (1) organize the center in the manner necessary to implement this chapter;
- (2) execute contractual agreements, including contracts for:
 - (A) the operation of the center;
 - (B) the performance of any of the duties described in section 1 of this chapter;
 - (C) the services of an executive director to serve as the chief operating officer of the center; and
 - (D) any other services necessary to carry out the duties described in section 1 of this chapter;
- (3) receive money from any source;
- (4) expend money for an activity appropriate to the purposes of this chapter;
- (5) execute agreements and cooperate with:
 - (A) any other state or federal department or agency;
 - (B) political subdivisions located in Indiana;
 - (C) any private person or corporation; or
 - (D) colleges and universities located in Indiana; and
- (6) subject to the approval of the budget agency, employ personnel as necessary for the efficient administration of this chapter.

As added by P.L.23-1987, SEC.1. Amended by P.L.13-1997, SEC.2.

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Value added research fund

Sec. 4. (a) The value added research fund is established for the purpose of providing money for the center for value added research and the commissioner of agriculture to carry out the duties specified under this chapter. The fund shall be administered by the commissioner of agriculture.

(b) The fund consists of money appropriated by the general assembly.

(c) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same manner as other public funds may be invested.

(d) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert to the state general fund.

As added by P.L.7-1996, SEC.1.